The Chapman (?) Report/ Aut. Pix, X-rays, 1972+ access HW 7/29/73

At 7 a.m. today Mutual news carried an item to the effect that an unnamed Detroit pathologist, who had been permitted to see the autopsy film, had reported that these and Z prove there were two assassins because the 14-frame interval between the striking of the two victims did not permit the second shot from the first gun. (So what else is new?) I take this to be the pathologist who had made earlier application, and as I remember his name, it is Chapman.

This may or may not be the "good news" Robert told me I would hear in the coming month. Good news it is not. But bad it really isn t, either. The Kennedy diversion Cyril pulled, so that was not to be done again. And there was no one who could do the harm Cyril could, so that, at least for the nonce, is also past. This humbuggery is the kind of things that kills attention and convinces editors of the Ecclestiastesian wisdom of nothing new under the sun on the subject.

Prior to this newscast I had heard about 20 minutes from Westinghouse, Phila., KYW, continuously through the 5 a.m. news summary. No mention. Thereafter I took in the CBA radio net's 8 a.m. and WTOP all-news DC for about an hour, including the time of my walk and the writing to this point. No mention. Also, I saw nothing in the Post, which I have gone over and clipped. (WTOP beginning 8:45 a.m.)

From this it seems fair to say that Chapman and his "news" are getting little attention. Unless there is a major NYTimes story that, in turn, gets a play.

If Robert did have this in mind, the probability is that he learned of it from Policoff who, in turn, probably learned from Sylvia. If Chapman had asked say Cyril to whom to talk, Cyril would have said Sylvia and probably CTIA, neither of whom would have told me, for which I'm grateful.

Or, the self-perpetuating past imposes that past on the future and continues to kill it.

I suspect there is a below-the-level-of- consciousness guilt feeling on the part of those who have done fine work and quit and those longing to and incapable of it to limit what becomes known ahs thus convince themselves that they have not failed, that there really is nothing to become known.